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TO AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY

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SUBJECT: CONSEC FOR NEW EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING

REFERENCE: BUENOS AIRES 0047

PANAMA FOR RSS; BUENOS AIRES FOR RSO

1. SY HAS INSTRUCTED THE MARINE CORPS TO INCREASE THE AUTHORIZED MARINE SECURITY GUARD COMPLEMENT IN BUENOS AIRES FROM EIGHTEEN (L8) TO TWENTY-ONE (21) MARINES TO PROVIDE FOR CONSEC MARINES. THIS WILL GIVE THE MARINES THE CAPABILITY TO PROVIDE ACCESS CONTROL OF THE NEW EMBASSY OFFICE BUILDING DURING CONSTRUCTION, WHEN THE SEABEES AND WORKMEN ARE NOT ON DUTY.

2. THE MSG BATTALION INFORMS US THAT THE MSG COMPLEMENT AT BUENOS AIRES IS AT LEAST TWO (2) MARINES OVER THE NEWLY AUTHORIZED TO AT PRESENT. THEREFORE, NO INCREASE IN PERSONNEL IS INTENDED. IN FACT, THE COMPLEMENT WILL BE REDUCED TO TO STRENGTH EITHER BY ATTRITION OR BY RE-

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ASSIGNING ANY MARINES OVER TO TO FILL TO SHORTAGES AT OTHER

POSTS.

3. PRIORITY AND SECURITY PROJECTS HAVE COMPLETELY
COMMITTED SEABEE ASSETS. HOWEVER, RE-SCHEDULING OF
PERSONNEL IS BEING INITIATED TO PROVIDE TWO (2) SEABEES
AS SOON AS SY IS INFORMED BY FBO OF THE OFFICIAL DATE
FOR RESUMPTION OF CONSTRUCTION KISSINGER

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